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## ***ASTRAGALUS GEYERI* VAR *GEYERI*** **GEYER'S MILKVETCH**

Geyer's Milkvetch is an annual with spreading to erect stems 5-20 cm tall. Leaves are 2-10 cm long, with 5-13 linear to oblanceolate leaflets covered with short hairs. The 2-8 flowered inflorescences arise in the leaf axils and are overtopped by the leaves. Flowers are 6-8 mm long, and whitish with pink or violet veins or hues. The pod is sessile, ca. 2 cm long, membranous, glabrous, and inflated in a half-ellipsoid shape to form a single chamber. Flowering in June; fruiting in late June-July.

*ASTRAGALUS LOTIFLORUS* and *A. CERAMICUS* resemble *A. GEYERI* in growth form and affinity to sandy habitat, but are perennial. *A. LOTIFLORUS* also differs in having dolabriform hairs on the foliage, and a hairy pod. *A. CERAMICUS* also differs in having linear leaves, and a pronounced mottling pattern on the pod.